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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
The Governor of Florida
Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
The Florida Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Governor DeSantis:

The allegations related to serial sex predator Jeffrey Epstein assaulting young girls while serving on work release under the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) are alarming. If true, this shows yet another breakdown of the system's dealing with this pedophilic abuser. We are calling for accountability on all fronts and to that end, I am formally requesting for you to direct the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to investigate this matter.

When an atrocity occurs in our State and there is a breakdown involving law enforcement, I believe it is appropriate for FDLE to step in and investigate. FDLE investigated the Broward County Sheriff's Office response to the massacre at Stoneman Douglas, and I believe an investigation into PBSO's handling of Epstein while on work release is also necessary and proper. If Epstein was able to abuse young girls while under supervised work release, we need to understand very clearly when and how these egregious lapses and abuses occurred so they cannot be repeated.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly. I thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Lauren Book
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